AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer system for customizing form elements in a form building application, comprising:

a form builder component configured to receive an identification of a user of the form building application, the form building application providing a graphical user interface for the manipulation manipulating of a set of form elements under development, and to enable access to the user for developing a subset of the form elements according to authorization rules; and

an access manager component configured to determine the authorization rules associated with the user's authorization to develop the set of form elements.

- 2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the identification of the user is based on login information.
- 3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the authorization rules are determined via a lookup table associating the user identification with the authorization rules for the user.
- 4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the authorization rules include settings that identify the subset of the form elements which are viewable and/or changeable.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for customizing form elements in a form building application, comprising:

receiving an identification of a user of the form building application, the form building application providing a graphical user interface for the manipulation manipulating of a set of form elements under development;

determining authorization rules associated with the user's authorization to develop the set of form elements; and

enabling access to the user for developing a subset of the form elements according to the authorization rules.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the identification of the user is based on login information.

- 7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the authorization rules are determined via a lookup table associating the user identification with the authorization rules for the user.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the authorization rules include settings that identify the subset of the form elements which are viewable and/or changeable.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for customizing an electronic form, comprising:

responsive to a command by a user to change an element of the form <u>under development</u>, retrieving a permission list from a lookup table, the permission list identifying access rights for <u>developing</u> a plurality of form elements contained in the form;

comparing an identifier associated with the user to those the access rights for the form element to be changed; and

rejecting the command unless the access rights associated with the user's identifier permit the user to change the form element.

- 10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the command by the user to change the form element includes selecting in a form building application a node representing the form element.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the access rights are defined for form elements representing a form's corporate identity.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the access rights are defined for form elements representing a form's interface to an application program.

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13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the access rights are defined based on at least one of user id, job title, department code and position in the corporate hierarchy.